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1. SUMMARY: ACTION PROGRAM ADOPTED BY MINISTERIAL MEETING OF ASIAN SUBGROUP OF GROUP OF 77 WHICH MET IN JAKARTA 19-21 IN PREPARATION FOR MANILA GROUP OF 77 MEETING NOW IN SESSION PROPOSED FOLLOWING:

A) INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM INCLUDING COMMON FUND FOR BUFFER STOCKS AND IMPROVED COMPENSATORY FINANCING; B) MORE RAPID INDUSTRIALIZATION OF LDC'S AND MORE LDC INDUSTRIAL AND PROCESSED EXPORTS; C) SPECIAL AND MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT TO LDC'S IN MTN; D) ULTIMATE CLIMINATION OF DC TARIFF BARRIERS TO LDC EXPORTS AND IMMEDIATE GSP EXPANSION; E) ASSISTANCE FROM DC'S AND "INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING" TO FACILITATE INCREASED IMPORTS FROM LDC'S; F) ACCELERATED FINANCIAL AID TO LDC'S ESPECIALLY MOST SERIOUSLY
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AFFECTED, G) ALLEVIATION OF LDC DEBTS AND B.O.P. PROBLEMS, AND

MONETARY REFORM; H) MORE RAPID TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY; AND CODE OF CONDUCT; I) EXPANSION OF TRADE BETWEEN LDC'S AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE; J) SPECIAL DC POLICIES IN FAVOR OF LEAST DEVELOPED LDC'S; K, L,M) SPECIAL POLICIES TO LAND-LOCKED, ISLAND, AND "MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED" LDC'S; N) ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG LDC'S; AND O) STRENGTHENING UNCTAD AS A NEGOTIATING ARM OF U.N. FULL TEXT OF ACTION PROGRAM PARAGRAPHS KEYED TO FOREGOING SUMMARY) WHICH WAS PUBLISHED AFTER PREABLE AS PART OF "JAKARTA DECLARATION" FOLLOWS. END SUMMARY

2. "THE CRITICAL IMPORTANCE OF COMMODITIES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE NEED FOR AN EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO THE SOLUTION OF COMMODITY PROBLEMS WHICH CALLS FOR AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS OF COMMODITIES IN A COMPREHENSIVE AND SYSTEMATIC WAY IN TERM OF A COMMON FRAMEWORK OF OBJECTIVES, MEASURES AND INSTRUMENTS. SUCH A PROGRAM SHOULD INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON FUND FOR THE FINANCING OF A SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL STOCKS COVERING OF COMMODITIES; IMPROVEMENT IN THE COMPENSATORY FINANCING FACILITY, AS WELL AS OTHER COMPLEMENTARY MEASURES, EACH ONE OF WHICH CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT AND INTEGRAL ELEMENT OF THE PROGRAM.

B) THE EXPANSION OF THE TRADE IN MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES INCLUDING PROCESSED PRODUCTS, AND THE PROMOTION OF A MORE RAPID PACE OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, REQUIRE A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY COMPRISING A SERIES OF MEASURES NOT ONLY FOR IMPROVING ACCESS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' EXPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS IN THE MARKETS OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES BUT ALSO FOR EXPANDING THEIR SUPPLY AND PROCESSING CAPABILITIES AS WELL AS TRADE EXPANSION AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND BETWEEN THEM AND THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES;

"C) THE NEED FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH CONCRETE APPLICATION OF THE AGREED OBJECTIVES OF THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IN RELATION TO PRIORITY TREATMENT, NON-RECIPROCITY, DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES AND SPECIAL PROCEDURES WHICH WILL PROVIDE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH SPECIAL AND MORE FAVORABLE TREATMENT IN ALL AREA OF THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THE NEED FOR ADVANCE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AGREED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS;

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"D) THE NEED FOR THE COMPLETE REMOVAL OF TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF BARRIERS AFFECTING THE TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,AND, PENDING ACTION IN THIS REGARD, STRICT APPLICATION OF THE AGREED STANDSTILL AS REGARDS BARRIERS TO THE EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF GENERALIZED NON-RECIPROCAL AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT IN FAVOR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO NON-TARIFF MEASURES AND OTHER AREAS OF COMMERCIAL POLICY OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. SUBSTAN-

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IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE IN THE EXISTING GSP ACHES TO ENABLE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE THE AGREED OBJECTIVES OF THE GSP;

"E) THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR INDUSTRIAL RESTRUCTURING AND FOR THE APPLICATION OF ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE MEASURES BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DESIGNED TO FACILITATE INCREASED IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

"F) AN URGENT NEED TO ACCELERATE THE FLOW OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND ESPECIALLY TO THE LEAST DEVELOPED, LAND-LOCKED, ISLAND DEVELOPING AND MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES TO REACH THE ODA TARGET WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DELAY, TO EASE THE TERMS OF ASSISTANCE FOR MAXIMIZING THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT THEREFROM AND TO ADOPT FLEXIBLE AND LIBERAL CRITERIA FOR SUCH TRANSFERS;

"G) THE NEED FOR AN IMMEDIATE SOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND MULTILATERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO ALLEVIATE THE INCREASING DEBT PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; THE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF BOTH THE SHORT-TERM BALANCE OF PAYMENTS FACILITIES AND LONG-RUN DEVELOPMENT FINANCE; AND AN EARLY REFORM OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM TO MAKE IT MORE COMPATIBLE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

"H) THE NEED OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR MEASURES FOR THE ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT, ADAPTATION, APPLICATION AND DIFFUSION OF TECHNOLOGY WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHENING THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES AND PROMOTING THEIR TECHNOLOGICAL SELF-RELIANCE OVER AS WIDE AN AREA AS POSSIBLE, THE ADOPTION OF A MULTILATERALLY ACCEPTABLE AND LEGALLY BINDING CODE OF CONDUCT ON THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND THE REVIEW AND REVISION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS ON PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS;

"I) THE NEED FOR URGENT ACTION FOR THE EXPANSION OF TRADE BETWEEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES OF EASTERN EUROPE COMMENSURATE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS IN INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH ISSUES IN THE TRADE BETWEEN THOSE COUNTRIES;

"J) THE URGENT NEED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE POLICY MEASURES EXCLUSIVELY IN FAVOR OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN ADDITION TO THOSE FOR ALL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN RESPECT OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, DIVERSIFICATION OF PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS, SPECIAL TREATMENT IN THE INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES AND IN THE GSP, TRADE PROMOTION, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, AND SHIPPING AND PORT FACILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO OVERCOME THEIR PROBLEMS;

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"K) THE URGENT NEED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE POLICY MEASURES AND SPECIAL DELIBERATION IN FAVOR OF THE DEVELOPING LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE IMPROVMENTS OF THE TRANSIT FACILITIES AND THE IMMEDIATE OPERATION OF THE NEWLY-CREATED UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL FUND, TO WHICH MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO ARE IN A POSITION TO DO SO ARE REQUESTED TO CONTRIBUTE, WITH A VIEW TO ENABLING THE LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES TO OVERCOME THEIR DIFFICULTIES AND FURTHER FACILITATE THEIR UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE WORLD MARKET;

"L) THE URGENT NEED FOR SPECIFIC ACTION IN FAVOR OF THE DEVELOPING ISLAND COUNTRIES TO ENABLE THEM TO OVERCOME THEIR SPECIAL PROBLEMS;

"M) THE URGENT NEED FOR EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN FAVOR OF THE MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COUNTRIES TO ENABLE THEM TO OVERCOME THEIR SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 3201 (S-VII) AND 3202 (S-VII);

"N) THE NEED FOR A SYSTEM OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG
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DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF COLLECTIVE SELF-RELIANCE AND INTERDEPENDENCE AND PROVIDING FOR A CONSISTENT AND INTERRELATED SET OF MEASURES, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF TRADE AND PAYMENTS, PRODUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY, DEVELOPMENT FINANCE, SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT AND OTHER SERVICES; "O) THE NEED FOR STRENGTHENING THE NEGOTIATING FUNCTION OF UNCTAD SO THAT IT COULD EVOLVE INTO A RECOGNIZED NEGOTIATING ARM OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT CAPABLE OF TRANSLATING PRINCIPLES AND POLICY GUIDELINES, PARTICULARLY THOSE ENUNCIATED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, INTO CONCRETE AGREEMENTS AND THUS DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER."

3. NOTE: PRESS REPORTS BASED ON STATEMENTS OF CONFERENCE SPOKESMAN CONFIRM THAT ARAB MEMBERS OF ASIA SUBGROUP AGREED AT JAKARTA MEETING TO SHARE IN FINANCING OF "COMMON FUND" FOR COMMODITY BUFFER STOCKS PROPOSED UNDER "INTERGRADED COMMODITY PROGRAM", (PARA 2 (A) ABOVE) AS REPORTED IN EMBASSY'S REF A. ACCORDING STATEMENT, PROGRAM ENVISAGES STOCKPILING OF TEN COMMODITIES INCLUDING COFFEE, TEA, SUGAR, RUBBER, TIN AND COPPER. INDUSTRIAL NATIONS WOULD ALSO SHARE IN PROPOSED COMMODITY FUND. (FULL TEXT MINISTERS' DECLARATION, WITH PREAMBLE NOT INCLUDED ABOVE, BEING FORWARDED TO DEPARTMENT.)
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